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MVD CONTROLS HUNGARIAN BORDER -- Munich, Hungary, 26 Jan 51

With no public notice whatsoever, the Austrian and Yugoslav borders of Hungary have been transformed into barricaded military zones under the guard of MVD brigades. All local traffic has been suspended within the MVD-directed and Soviet-occupied zones and between the neighboring Austrian and Yugoslav border zones. Traffic between the interior and the frontiers is also strictly regulated.

Further evacuation of "unreliable masses" will be necessitated by the large-scale concentration of Soviet troops on the border. News of the latest evacuations brought panic to the remaining inhabitants of Sopron, where evacuations have cut the population by one third compared to the 1949 census. State Security Authority (AVH) and party functionaries occupy dwellings left by the evacuees, and barracks are jammed with military and police units. In the near future, 9,000 "unreliable" citizens will be evacuated from Sopron to make room for Soviet forces which are continually arriving in the city.

In anticipation of increasing attempts to flee the country, border security measures have been intensified by the MVD and the AVH. Guard towers, fences, and mine fields are being constructed at a feverish pace by labor battalions consisting of unreliable military reserves. The border has been divided into short strips, and the MVD has directed that the border be patrolled every 15 minutes. The strength of patrols has been increased from two to four members, consisting of: the patrol leader, who is a Soviet soldier, two Hungarian AVH border guards, and a civilian detective. The patrols are under the strict supervision of the MVD and the AVH, and officers traveling cross country in light vehicles make unscheduled inspections of patrols and posts.

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UNDESIRABLE INTELLECTUALS BANNED FROM CITIES -- Munich, Hungaria, 26 Jan 51

Municipal authorities recently received orders from the Communist Party to classify as undesirable all intellectuals who had held leading positions in the old regime and their wives or relatives who are now living on pensions or who have been deprived of pensions, and to exclude them from all cities. The identification papers of such persons are to be stamped with an "N" (nem-kivancatos, undesirable), and the persons may be kept under observation by the authorities or may be interned if they are found in any city. Such intellectuals therefore may be controlled better and can obtain intellectual work in villages less easily.

In big cities, some large state enterprises seek the private aid and advice of these intellectuals and do not record whether they were paid for physical labor, which is what the party intends them to perform, or for intellectual services. The action of the party in banning intellectuals from cities is prompted by the fear that in the event of civil unrest, they could easily escape detection in the cities, could spread false rumors which even now are impossible to trace down, and could lead resistance groups. Also, their presence in the cities aggravates the food shortage.

POLICE RAID BISHOPS' RESIDENCES -- Munich, Hungaria, 26 Jan 51

Communist persecution of the Catholic Church is somewhat less public than before, but during the past few weeks, inspections of bishops' residences and diocesan offices by political police have increased in frequency and severity. During the course of these raids, trusted and faithful co-workers of the Bishops have been arrested, most probably to discourage cooperation with the church.

The situation may be expected to become worse, since, despite police pressure, every move of the Peace Committee of Catholic Priests has become a farce. No attention is paid to Richard Horvath and Canon Miklos Beresztoczy unless they speak at party meetings. The priests have held no further convention since the first meeting on 1 August, and many priests who were active at the 1 August meeting have now broken from the movement.

Events of the past month show that the state has not relieved pressure on the church and considers its agreement with the church only a momentary pause in its campaign to eliminate religion completely. Recognition of this fact has strengthened the anti-Communist feelings of even those who were inclined to believe the sincerity of Communist tactics.

Although the number of martyrs increases daily, Communist pressure has served only to solidify the Catholic front and, with the exception of a few well-known examples, Catholics are standing fast.

A recent statement from the Vatican confirmed the news that another "Mindszenty-type trial" is being prepared in Hungary. The chief defendant is to be Vencel Endredi, Bishop of Zirc, who currently is being attacked by the Hungarian press and was described by Rakosi at a party meeting as a "representative of "Mindszentyism." Several civilians and Catholic priests are to be accused with Endredi of the usual crimes of espionage and illegal trading in currency.

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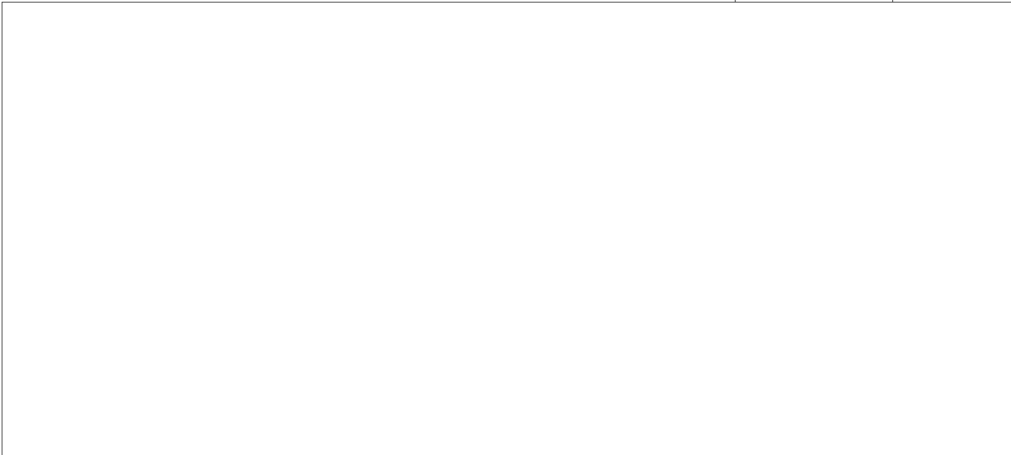
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HUNGARY BUILDS RADIO STATIONS -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 23 Jan 51

Two medium-wave-length radio relay stations (kozvetito -- transmitter, or relay) and several small transmitters (ado) will be built this year. It is also planned to begin television broadcasts soon. The necessary apparatus will be received from the USSR.

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